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FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION COUNTY OF CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA

LET IT BE KNOWN to all persons of the County of Cambria that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) are prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals are considered discriminatory. It is the policy of the County of Cambria to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the County of Cambria will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap (disability), age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Cambria shall make publicly known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

AND THAT publication of this Notice, and the distribution of fair housing information by posters, flyers and other means of printing and publicity, will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

AND THAT further action by the County of Cambria will at a minimum include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) publicizing the names and contact information of both the Fair Housing Officer of the County of Cambria and the Fair Housing Officer of the City of Johnstown, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner, and
- (2) conducting at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and
- (3) using the fair housing logo on materials dealing with housing programs such as, but not limited to, public advertisements and notices, applications for assistance, and correspondence dealing with federal programs.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Cambria at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 16th day of November, 2017.

SEAL:

Chief Clerk

President Commissioner